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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION IN WEST BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBER 526; (B) BONN 4247

BEGIN SUMMARY. GAUS GAINED SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM HIS MARCH 15 MEETING WITH SEIDEL THAT THE GDR MAY ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY PERMISSION FOR REICHSBAHN WORK VIA AN INTERMEDIARY. ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS AGREE SENAT OFFICIAL LINSENMAIR MAY DROP REFERENCE TO GAUS-SEIDEL TALKS IN HIS PRESENTATION TO THE GDR ON MARCH 17. END SUMMARY.

1. ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS HAVE RECEIVED FROM FRG FONOFF A COPY OF GAUS' REPORT OF HIS MARCH 15 TALK WITH SEIDEL IN LEIPZIG. GAUS GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT, BARRING A SUDDEN HARDENING OF THE GDR POSITION IN THE WAKE OF THE
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FRG-GDR CONTROVERSY OVER ACCREDITATION OF WEST GERMAN

CORRESPONDENTS AT THE LEIPZIG FAIR, THE GDR MAY ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IF DELIVERED BY LINSENMAIR OF THE SENAT TO FUNK OF THE GDR TRANSPORT MINISTRY.

2. GAUS' REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT FULL BONN GROUP MEETING THIS AFTERNOON (MARCH 16). MEANWHILE, ALLIED REPS MET TRIPARTITELY LATE THIS MORNING FOR PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF GAUS REPORT AND SAW NO OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTING LINSENMAIR TO DROP REFERENCE TO GAUS-SEIDEL TALKS (REF A). REFERENCE HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN "MANDATE" DRAWN UP MARCH 12 (REF B) ONLY BECAUSE BONN GROUP THOUGHT GAUS HAD SUGGESTED IT. SO FAR AS ALLIED REPS ARE CONCERNED IT IS STRICTLY A THROW-AWAY LINE, AND FRENCH EMBASSY WILL BE INSTRUCTING ITS BERLIN MISSION TO CONCUR IN DELETION.

3. FULLER REPORT, INCLUDING ALLIED THOUGHTS ON HOW LINSENMAIR SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO REPLY IF FUNK GIVES TEMPORIZING REPLY AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, WILL BE SENT AFTER AFTERNOON BONN GROUP MEETING.

4. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF GAUS' REPORT OF HIS MARCH 15 MEETING WITH SEIDEL, CLASSIFIED "STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL," FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

IN MY DISCUSSION TODAY WITH SEIDEL, BUREAU DIRECTOR IN GDR MFA, AT THE PERIPHERY OF THE LEIPZIG FAIR CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATION OF THE NEW STOPPING POINTS IN BERLIN (WEST), THE FOLLOWING OCCURRED:

I. SEIDEL INSISTED THAT HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH ME ON THIS QUESTION. OUR DISCUSSION COULD ONLY CONTINUE TO BE A NON-BINDING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. FOR THIS REASON HE COULD NOT STATE IN A BINDING WAY THAT THE GDR WOULD AGREE TO THE PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL ELABORATED BETWEEN US, IN THE COURSE OF A POSSIBLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN FUNK OF THE GDR MINISTRY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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TRANSPORT AND LINSENMAIR OF THE SENAT.

HE COULD HOWEVER IMAGINE THAT HIS SIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD STATE IN THIS DISCUSSION THAT IT TOOK NOTE OF THE CORRESPONDING PROPOSALS OF LINSENMAIR AND WOULD RETURN TO THEM. THEREBY IT WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE ACCEPTED THAT LINSENMAIR DID NOT WISH TO NEGOTIATE.

AT THIS POINT I SAID WITH EMPHASIS THAT OUR SIDE
COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT IN ANY EVENT ACCEPT ANY KIND
OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS QUESTION BETWEEN THE GDR AND
THE SENAT. IF FUNK SHOULD, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT,
SOLELY TAKE NOTE OF THE STATEMENT OF LINSENMAIR, THE
NEXT STEP WOULD HAVE TO BE THAT THE GDR ACT IN CONFORMITY
WITH THE PROCEDURAL SUGGESTION, I.E., THAT THE REICHSBAHN

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CONVEY THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO SENAT EMPLOYEES
SELIGER AND WERNER.

II. NOTEWORTHY IN TODAY'S DISCUSSION IS THAT
SEIDEL DID NOT SPEAK AGAINST THE TECHNICAL LEVEL (FUNK/
LINSENMAIR) BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE SENAT BUT RATHER

TOOK NOTE OF IT WITHOUT COMMENT.

III. SEIDEL STATED THAT A REFERENCE TO MY DISCUSSION WITH HIM OF MARCH 11 IN THE STATEMENT OF LINSENMAIR TO FUNK WOULD BE "UTTERLY OUT OF THE QUESTION." SEIDEL SAID THAT THEREBY THE CONTACTS BETWEEN HIM AND ME WOULD TAKE ON THE CHARACTER OF NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH THE GDR COULD NOT ACCEPT. THIS SENTENCE WOULD IN ANY EVENT HAVE TO BE DELETED FROM LINSENMAIR'S STATEMENT. I MUST DRAW ATTENTION TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT THAT MY TALK WITH SEIDEL ON THESE QUESTIONS TOOK PLACE BEFORE FEDERAL MINISTER FRIDERICH DECIDED PREMATURELY TO END HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO LEIPZIG BECAUSE OF THE NON-ACCREDITATION OF CORRESPONDENTS OF THE DEUTSCHLANDFUNK AND THE DEUTSCHE WELLE. IT THUS CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE GDR WILL, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, ADOPT A HARDER POSTURE IN THE APPROVAL PROCEDURE QUESTION. WITH THIS IMPORTANT CAVEAT I EVALUATE TODAY'S DISCUSSION AS MEANING THAT THE GDR WILL ACCEPT A TECHNICAL LEVEL BETWEEN THE SENAT AND THE GDR FOR THE PRESENTATION OF A PROCEDURAL SUGGESTION IN THE EVENT THAT LINSENMAIR'S STATEMENT IS MODIFIED.

POSSIBLY, HOWEVER, IT (GDR) WILL WISH THAT THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROCEDURE BE NOTIFIED (PERHAPS MENTIONED AT THE PERIPHERY OF) A SECOND DISCUSSION AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

WE MUST THEREFORE CONSIDER WHETHER WE CAN DISPENSE WITH THE REFERENCE TO THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN SEIDEL AND ME IN THE STATEMENT BY LINSENMAIR. AS IS KNOWN, OUR POSITION IN THIS RESPECT IS ALREADY NOT STRONG, AS IN REICHSBAHN QUESTIONS IT IS A MATTER OF ALLIED RIGHTS AND WE ALREADY HAD NO DOUBT THAT MY DISCUSSION WITH SEIDEL ON THIS MATTER COULD ONLY HAVE AN EXPLORATORY CHARACTER. POSSIBLY LINSENMAIR'S STATEMENT CAN BE CHANGED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE REFERENCE IS ENTIRELY DROPPED OR IS CAST IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, PERHAPS IN SUCH A WAY THAT MENTION IS MADE SOLELY OF "PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS."

UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS IT CANNOT BE ESTIMATED WHEN MY CONTACTS WITH SEIDEL ON THIS MATTER CAN BE CONTINUED. OUR SIDE MUST THEREFORE EXAMINE WHETHER WE WANT TO INSERT SEVERAL DAYS AS A COOLING-OFF PERIOD OR WHETHER, FOLLOWING THE MOTTO "BUSINESS AS USUAL," I SHOULD SOON SEEK A FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SEIDEL. (SIGNED) GAUS. END TEXT.

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